



**Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut  
Technical Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 13, 2012**

**1:00 – 3:00 PM  
Bureau of Enterprise Systems Technology  
101 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT  
Conference Room 1002**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Val Cyganowski (Norwalk Hospital)

**HITE-CT:** John DeStefano (CTO), Christine Kraus (CAO), Nancy Coccagna (Intern), Peter Armstrong, (Intern)

**ATTENDING:** William Henderson (Hytec Solutions), Ed Kane (CA Technologies), Allison Buckley, (Sound Community Services)

**CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:**

The meeting was called to order with introductions at 1:00 PM.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 08/09/2012 MEETING MINUTES:**

The 08/09/2012 Technical Committee Meeting Minutes were reviewed and will be on the 10/11/12 agenda for approval, as there was not a quorum.

**DRAFT ONBOARDING PROCESS REVIEW:**

The Axway testing is on hold right now.

**BUSINESS PROCESS:**

Our direction at HITE-CT has changed and we will be focusing on getting Direct secure email technology deployed in the short term as we continue to work with Axway. Eventual deployment of the ONC Utility model is still in our plans for the future. We are also working more closely with the Regional Extension Center. Direct is point-to-point and works similarly to email, but is much more secure.

We are following the “Blue Button” project started by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) very closely. This is an electronic source for each consumer to download personal health records (PHRs) privately, which allows the individual the ability to examine the electronic medical records (EHR) securely as well as share them with medical providers that they acknowledge. The VA is ahead of the game by already allowing Veterans to access their personal health record. ONC is in support of and leading the way to allow all consumers of medical treatment to have access to the PHRs electronically.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- HITE-CT is working closely with the state Department of Social Services (DSS) on their 90-10 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) matching grant for Health Information Exchange. The CMS 90-10 match helps states obtain funding by providing 90% of every dollar for approved projects. This means if the state put \$10 in for a project CMS will match \$90.

Massachusetts took advantage of the 90-10 match, which is how they are implementing Direct messaging statewide.

- Many states, such as Pennsylvania and Texas, have implemented Direct to support the meaningful use efforts rural communities (“White Space”).
- Currently HITE-CT does not have a Chief Medical Informatics Officer (CMIO) to initiate the informatics platform to work with the clinical IT staff. Our challenge is not technology, it is forming community trust around HITE-CT efforts.
- The enterprise architecture blueprint is based on the workflows that will eventually connect the Regional Health Information Exchanges (RHIE). The value to the patient is secure interoperable access to shared medical records as needed.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- Use Direct secure email technology
- Obtain support and trust from the community
- Reach out to funding sources for the 90-10 match
- HISP from a workflow perspective
- Draft documents will be available on the HITE-CT website

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNED:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2012.